



# San Francisco Planning

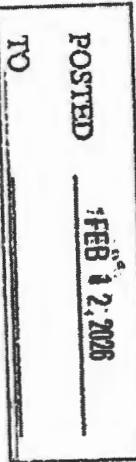
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SAN FRANCISCO County Clerk  
February 12, 2026

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Final Approval Date: February 12, 2026  
Case No.: 2023-008451ENV  
Project Title: Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass Upgrades Geotechnical Investigation Project  
Zoning: P  
Block/Lot: Not applicable  
Lot Size: Not applicable  
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department  
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources, and San Francisco requirements, this Notice of Exemption is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

Attached fee: \$84 filing fee (San Francisco County)  
\$100 filing fee (Tuolumne County)

### Project Description

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is proposing to implement the Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass Upgrades Geotechnical Investigation (project) to collect information on ground and soil conditions for a potential water bypass pipeline in Moccasin, California. The project includes eight geotechnical borings, seismic refraction and ground penetrating radar surveys, and twelve potholing sites. The work sites would be in the vicinity of the Moccasin Powerhouse east of Moccasin Reservoir.

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SFPUC – Moccasin Powerhouse Bypass Upgrades Geotechnical Investigation Project

The seismic refraction and ground penetrating radar surveys would not involve ground disturbance. The geotechnical borings would be up to 8 inches and diameter and extend up to 50 feet below ground. The primary drilling method would be mud rotary wash with an option for hollow stem auguring. The potholes would have dimensions of 12 inches by 12 inches and extend up to 10 feet below ground.

## Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on October 24, 2023 with the signing of the construction compliance form by the Project Manager. The project was officially approved on February 12, 2026 when no appeal of the Common Sense Exemption was filed during the 30-day appeal period. A copy of the documents may be examined at the Planning Department, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA, 94103 in file no. 2023-008451ENV.

### 1. Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1, Existing Facilities (Sec. 21084(a); 15301) and Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Sec. 21084(a); 15303)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)
- Common Sense Exemption (15061(b)(3))

### 2. Reason for Determination:

This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it fits the definition of the above-stated class of categorical exemption and none of the exceptions to the issuance of a categorical exemption apply.



For Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer

2/12/2026

Date

cc: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Environmental Management



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

38-02/12/2026-021

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (*If applicable*)

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LEAD AGENCY SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL timothy.johnston@sfgov.org	DATE 02/12/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY		DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-0000014
PROJECT TITLE		

MOCCASIN POWERHOUSE BYPASS UPGRADES GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME TIM JOHNSTON	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL timothy.johnston@sfgov.org	PHONE NUMBER (628) 652-7569
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 49 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE, SUITE 1400	CITY SAN FRANCISCO	STATE CA
ZIP CODE 94103		

PROJECT APPLICANT (*Check appropriate box*)

Local Public Agency  School District  Other Special District  State Agency  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$ 4,227.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 3,043.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,437.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$ 850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$	_____

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Melvin Galvez Deputy Clerk